

MERRY-MAKING MILITIA.

COMING NATIONAL GUARD RECEPTIONS.

COMMENDATION FROM THE INSPECTOR-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT.

The annual reception of Company D, 12th Regiment, Captain Bleeker's, Barnard, which is to be given at the Lexington Avenue Opera House next Tuesday evening, is certain to be a success. All the boxes and many seats on the floor have already been disposed of. The amateur entertainment, including negro minstrelsy, an act from "The Mikado," and a comedietta promises to be highly entertaining. The company now has 102 names of the roll.

The endorsement placed on the muster roll of Company K, 71st Regiment, Captain Wright, D. Goss, by Colonel Thomas H. McGrath, Assistant Inspector General, is highly complimentary. He pronounces the standing of the company in relation to discipline and the various military exercises to be good, and adds: "This company seems to have improved in every direction, which is creditable to officers and men and a pleasure for the inspecting officer to note. The percentage present at the inspection was 92.42."

The 2d Battery, notwithstanding the holidays at hand, are drilling as diligently and zealously as heretofore. Platoon drills are held three nights a week, which comprise the school of the soldier and the standing gun drill. The enthusiasm that is manifested is something wonderful. The movements with the Gatlings are witnessed by a large number of citizens and National Guardsmen, who seem to be enthusiastic over the manual of machine guns. The exhibition of firing with diminished numbers, the cannoneers being designated and dropping to the door as wounded in action, and the firing still being kept up always brings forth an outburst of applause.

Private Richard J. English, of Company B, 22d Regiment, who acted as the Governor's bodyguard during his visit to the State Camp last summer, has taken up his residence in New-Jersey and severed his connection with the regiment.

It is now fully settled that Captain Finch, Inspector of Rifle Practice of the 22d Regiment, will succeed Captain West in the command of Company C. Lieutenant Canfield would not accept the office if it were tendered him, as he proposed shortly to retire to civil life. Captain Finch will without doubt prove to be an energetic officer and will build the company to its old time strength. Lieutenant Burd has been offered the Captaincy of Company F, and will no doubt accept. The choice is a good one, as he brings both experience and money, two essential things.

HOLIDAYS INTERPRET WITH DRILL.

First Lieutenant William W. Clifton, of Company K, 71st Regiment, has reconsidered his intention to resign, much to the gratification of every member of the command. Company K will omit its usual drill next Wednesday evening on account of the holidays.

What is the trouble in Company G? It is a daily query among the members of the sister companies in the 22d Regiment. Company G once stood at the head of the list but is now apparently in lethargy that only a sudden upheaval will awaken.

William Costello has applied for a transfer from Company E, 71st Regiment, to Company I, 71st Regiment.

Captain Corleyton, of Company D, 22d Regiment, after twelve years of faithful service, has tendered his resignation, a fact much to be regretted, as he was a capable and painstaking officer. Company A has recently enlisted the entire roll of a prominent social organization, about thirty in number, and the company quarters present something like their old-time appearance on drill nights. The election of Captain Prees to this command was evidently a move in the right direction, as he has imbued the company with a new spirit, and Company E will have to look to its laurels.

Many men of the 12th Regiment exercise regularly in the gymnasiums in the new armory. Private George H. Halpin, of Company G, is instructing a class in gymnastics.

The new long-service medals just adopted by the 8th Regiment will be presented to those entitled to them, together with the marksmen's badges, next month.

John F. Luther, who designs the long-service medals, has presented to the regimental rifle club a gold medal to be shot for and to become the property of the man who wins it three times. This competition will begin next spring.

COMMENDATION FROM THE INSPECTOR.

The report of the Inspector General on the appearance of the regiment at the recent muster is highly commendatory. Captain Jardine, secretary to the Board of Officers, is arranging a handsome roster which will issue shortly. The field and staff have decided to attend the inspection of the State Fundables at Philadelphia on January 8.

Company H, 8th Regiment, has elected the following civil officers for the ensuing year besides Captain Cunningham, who is president and treasurer, Mr. John Hunt, recording secretary, John Hunt.

A visit to the armory of the 2d Battery on a Tuesday night is a treat to lovers of discipline and military study. The members of the corps of instruction are most zealous, "Exercising" standing out in bold letters. The new armory is nearly reached and possession is expected in January. Mrs. Earle has had a handsome flag made which will be presented to the new armory.

The "Lutheran" of Philadelphia, says the Lutheran Church is losing many of its young people on account of the language. They do not go out of German-speaking Lutheran churches into English-speaking Lutheran churches, as might be expected, but into other denominations.

The Pope's Jubilee will begin on December 31 with the feast of the Italian pilgrims. On the 1st and 2d of January we will celebrate mass in St. Peter's, on the 4th and 5th we will receive foreign delegations, and on the 6th the papal gifts will be formally displayed.

The Christian Advocate" says that the "regulation dress suit means attending fashionable parties and entertainments," and it adds that "no spiritually minded Methodist will be often obliged to go where a dress suit is necessary."

There are now 437,785 communicants in the Episcopal Church, an increase of 19,215 over the number reported last year. There is an increase of nearly 50,000.

A deputation of the English Baptist Union will wait on Mr. Sprague next month to ask him to reconsider his withdrawal from the Union.

The "Gentleman" takes a broad view of questions pertaining to "Me, for instance." It says: "white is the mourning color in China, why should Chinese priests be expected to wear vestments of white? Or in such a nation as the Japanese who are accustomed to many and bright colors in clothing, why should simplicity be expected in their worship? Worship is truly worship only when it is the natural expression of the emotion of the worshippers, and knows his native tongue, and the people in town than ever before."

NEW-HAVEN.

HEALTH STATISTICS—A VALUABLE PRIZE—A NEW MAP OF THE STATE.

New-Haven, Dec. 24.—The report of Dr. C. A. Lindsey, secretary of the State Board of Health, shows that for the month just ended 791 deaths have occurred in 127 towns, having a population of 668,192. In 37 towns, with a population of 43,508, there were no deaths, and three towns—Chester, North Stonington and Woodbridge did not report. Of the deaths reported there were from measles 2, scarlet fever 12, croupous fever 8, diphtheria and croup 65, whooping cough 1, erysipelas 5, typhoid fever 23, malarial fever 6, typho-malarial 6, pernicious fever 9, diarrhoea under five years 10, over five years 10, consumption 106, pneumonia 2, bronchitis 16, diseases of the nervous system 111, heart disease 74, accidents and violence 31, all other diseases 210, total births 48. The deaths in public institutions not recorded above were: Hartford 10, Middlebury 12, New-Haven 10, Stamford 2. The death rate was 14.2 per 1,000, the lowest since returns from all the towns have been received. No serious epidemic is reported.

The handsome gold and jewelled Grand Army badge ordered by The New-Haven Register at the fair for the most popular G. A. A. was given away by Captain A. H. Embles, who received 1,471 votes.

The Rev. Dr. Edward Beecher thinks that creeds have a very bad effect on young men studying for the ministry. He says: "During the whole course of seven years' study, the Protestant candidate for the ministry sees before him an uncharitable statement of what he must think the Bible or be martyred. And does any one acquainted with human nature need to be told that that liberty under a tyrannical government is a mere form, or that in our theological seminaries is a mere form, by saying nothing of the thunderbolts of censure by which every original mind is tortured into negative prophecies. The whole tendency of the educational system is to make a choice of handbooks, whether it will wear the Presbyterian handbook, Methodist, Episcopcal, or other evangelical creeds."

The following are the civil officers of Company F, 8th Regiment, for the ensuing year: Captain W. W. Marks, president and financial secretary; Private Taylor, recording secretary; W. S. Hyde, treasurer; sergeant-major, Sergeant-Army; Captain J. C. Discipline; Captain H. L. Morris, Adjutant; Captain C. C. Murray, Recruiting Committee; Sergeant-Major, Corporal Gray and Private Coughran; and Finance Committee; Sergeant Major, Corporal McRohan and Private Brown.

The INSPECTOR NOT AWAYLY COMPLIMENTARY.

Company I, 22d Regiment, is somewhat mortified at the report of the Inspector at the recent inspection, but promises to do better the next time. Company K is inquiring about its captain, who is not seen as frequently as of late. Rumor has it that he intends to resign. Captain D. H. Miller, the 1st Lieutenant and First Sergeant, Captain E. M. Burton, of Company F, should be immediately appointed Inspector of Rifle Practice in his place. He is well made an excellent example and known his worth. The 2d Battalion would be glad if he would undoubtedly accept if it were tendered him.

The following are the civil officers of Company E, 8th Regiment, for the ensuing year: Captain W. W. Marks, president and financial secretary; Private Taylor, recording secretary; W. S. Hyde, treasurer; sergeant-major, Sergeant-Army; Captain J. C. Discipline; Captain H. L. Morris, Adjutant; Captain C. C. Murray, Recruiting Committee; Sergeant-Major, Corporal Gray and Private Coughran; and Finance Committee; Sergeant Major, Corporal McRohan and Private Brown.

Companies A and D, 71st Regiment, gave receptions last week at which the attendance was large and everybody had a good time.

Lieutenant S. E. Rice, of Company G, 8th Regiment, has been detailed to command Company B of the same regiment until the return of Captain Cooley, who is absent on leave.

Company D, 7th Regiment, will elect a Second Lieutenant next Tuesday.

HOW TO KEEP WARM AND AVOID COLDS.

From the *Boston Herald*.

The latest expostion for physicians in polio society is "white winter." It is believed this change from the "black winter" is due to the greater number of sunbaths and sunbathing. Some physicians recommend a descriptive way in speaking of the frightened inmates, and the "white winter" seemed "goodfellow" and less common than the other inducements.

AN INTERESTING POLITICAL TABLE.

From the *Eagle Tribune*.

At the conference of states could call the roll of Albany, N. Y., and find where the delegates from each state stand, and where the differences occur. Help along this process we have carefully gone through the Talm's tables and ascertained the gains and losses by counties. The comparison is made upon majorities between the vote not Secretary of state this year and that for Governor in 1862. The gains of the two parties are as follows:

Ep. 2682.

Dem. 2682.

Rep. 2682.

Gerr. 2682.

Constit. 2682.

Whig 2682.

Anti-Slavery 2682.

Free Soil 2682.

Liberal 2682.

W. F. 2682.